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On behalf of the Commanding General, 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, welcome to "Team 19". Your sponsor will contact you soon and provide you valuable information to assist with a seamless transition into the Command, but I wanted to be among the first to welcome you and to introduce you to one of the finest units in the United States Army.

I also want to take this opportunity to briefly introduce you to the Command Sponsorship Program (CSP). The command team here in Korea has made great efforts to transform Korea to mirror other overseas tours through a process called tour normalization. This reduces or eliminates the previous limitations for Families accompanying Soldiers to Korea. The leadership understands the importance command sponsorship plays in continuity and stability for Soldiers, Families, and the mission.

There are limited CSP "slots" and not every request for command sponsorship is approved, but many will and if you are willing to sign up for a two year tour and if your Family does not have any "Exceptional Family Member" limitations which preclude assignment to Korea, there is a greater possibility of receiving a CSP approval. If you desire to bring your Family to Korea, review the information at the following website: http://www.usfk.mil/usfk/. Additionally your sponsor and your installation's Military Personnel Division (MPD) can provide information and instructions on requesting Command Sponsorship for Korea.

Korea is not the USA and an assignment to one of our installations is different from an assignment to FT. Hood or FT. Bragg. You and your family must understand this prior to making a decision. However, an assignment to Korea, while affording you a professional development opportunity, will also offer your family a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to share a wonderful culture, travel a beautiful land and engage with our South Korean neighbors. I highly encourage you to review the program and seriously discuss this option with your family. If you have any questions, you can contact G1 Strength Manager at DSN: 315-768-7423, liliane.delva.mil@mail.mil, and nakia.t.joiner.mil@mail.mil.

Again, welcome to "Team 19" and we look forward to you and your family joining us soon.

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